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FOREIGN TRADE STATISTICS FOR THE BELGIAN CONGO
AND RUANDA-URUNDI, 1951 - 1952

BELGIAN CONGO AND RUANDA-URUNDI EXPORTS -- Leopoldville, le Courier d'Afrique,
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Exports from the Belgian Congo and Ruanda Urundi for the first 7 months of 1952 totaled 592,615,467 kilograms, with a customs value of 11,205,357,120 francs, as compared with 608,897,938 kilograms, with a customs value of 10,724,061,009 francs, for the corresponding period in 1951.

The following figures compare the principal exports from the Belgian Congo and Ruanda-Urundi for the first 7 months of 1951 and 1952:

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Quantity</u> (tons, unless otherwise indicated)		<u>Value</u> (francs)	
	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>
Copper	112,557	116,780	2,789,251	3,317,839
Tin, ingots	1,404	1,789	214,865	216,529
Tin, ore	7,609	9,415	823,807	810,498
Cotton fiber	18,736	21,617	843,275	1,080,076
Palm oil (1,000 liters)	74,941	75,248	1,365,022	861,458
Cobalt ore	5,384	6,712	519,582	835,777
Coffee	14,954	14,119	676,500	746,028

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<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Quantity</u> (tons, unless otherwise indicated)		<u>Value</u> (francs)	
	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>
Zinc-ore concen- trates, crude	62,458	60,192	223,017	314,005
Zinc-ore concen- trates, roasted	28,841	33,098	106,254	177,413
Gold (kilograms)	6,622.6	7,422.4	451,825	447,418
Palm nuts	52,107	61,026	517,761	430,306
Rubber	6,602	8,915	405,530	395,622
Diamonds, indus- trial (carats)	5,653,442	6,424,740	260,480	391,588
Lumber	75,685	50,621	149,411	116,850
Tungsten ore	273	443	43,883	98,944
Palm oil (1,000 liters)	9,801	6,843	173,156	93,101
Urena lobata fiber	4,432	4,429	74,171	89,125
Manganese ore	34,878	57,865	33,042	87,540
Diamonds, jewelry (carats)	395,334	321,573	78,278	70,966
Oil cakes	19,981	15,800	60,386	53,700

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BELGIAN CONGO IMPORT STATISTICS FOR 1952 -- Leopoldville, le Courrier d'Afrique,
20, 21 Sep 52

The customs value and total tonnage of imports of the Belgian Congo and
Ruanda-Urundi for the first 6 months of 1951 and 1952 compare as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Quantity</u> (tons)	<u>Value</u> (francs)
1951		
1952	516,079 721,755	6,916,888,000 9,969,200,000

The following table compares the principal imports of the Belgian Congo for
the first 6 months in 1952 and 1951 (in francs):

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<u>Commodity</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>
Coal	60,500,000	97,457,000
Cement	69,846,000	154,802,000
Mineral oil	189,821,000	403,387,000
Luggage	72,138,000	57,912,000
Packing cases, ordinary	178,045,000	358,097,000
Clothing, linens	293,913,000	236,824,000
Power machinery	1,288,484,000	1,952,966,000
Notions and hardware	318,013,000	235,909,000
Metal products	888,428,000	1,164,092,000
Ships and spare parts	142,817,000	172,111,000
Fabrics	675,302,000	990,499,000
Vehicles and spare parts	985,287,000	1,643,853,000

The principal countries which exported goods to the Belgian Congo during the first 6 months of 1951 and 1952 are shown below, with values given in francs:

<u>Country</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>
Belgium	2,723,743	3,612,226
US	1,658,073	2,516,629
United Kingdom	563,155	789,606
Japan	133,045	358,929
Germany	224,798	358,901
Union of South Africa	234,566	349,160
France	153,915	317,418
Netherlands	164,273	278,219
Luxembourg	68,794	178,115
Italy	127,966	158,190
Switzerland	133,134	155,443
Canada	53,263	109,112

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